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**TO PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS, AND SECRE-
TARIES**—Many orders for Sunday
School literature have already been
mailed. Be sure that your Sunday
School does not mail in another or-
der, unless you desire to increase or
decrease your order. We are filling
orders from the standing order blanks
which you sent us sometime ago.
Accept my thanks for your coopera-
tion in these Sunday School literature
orders. However, if you need to write
us, please feel free to do so.—A. M.
Phillips, Business Manager.

NOTICES

I am now ready for evangelistic
work. My wife plays the piano. Any-
one desiring us for a revival please
write Odel Adcock, Route 3, Adairs-
ville, Ga.

I feel the call to preach and pray
for the sick. Anyone desiring me for
a revival please write Stanton Erwin,
Route 2, Adairsville, Ga.

I am now open for revivals and am
free to travel anywhere at any
time—Evangelist Arnold Myers,
Lavonia, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Arizona Church of God camp
meeting and state convention will
convene in the Church of God audi-
torium at 606 East Mojave Street,
Phoenix, Arizona, April 25 through
May 1. The first service will begin
Monday, at 7 p. m. We are expect-
ing our General Overseer, the Reverend
H. L. Chesser, or our Assistant Gen-
eral Overseer, the Reverend Zeno C.
Tharp. The Reverend J. H. Hughes,
state overseer of California, plans to
be with us. We extend a hearty in-
vitation to other state overseers,
members and friends to come. We
hope to have some of our missionaries
with us. Make your plans now to
spend one big week in the "Valley of
the Sun," in what we believe will be
the greatest camp meeting in the
history of the Church of God in
Arizona.

For further information write to
the Reverend F. W. Goff, Chairman
of Entertainment Committee, 602 East
Mojave Street, Phoenix, Arizona.—
John E. Douglas, State Overseer.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

Here is the picture of the Church
of God at Dallas, North Carolina. We
truly praise God for the wonderful
way He has helped and stood by us
and the church. We feel our indebt-
edness to God and that we can never
repay Him for all He has done here.
It was said that a Church of God
would never be built here but we find
all things are made possible through
Him whom we serve. It was made pos-
sible when Brother and Sister W. M.
Wineberger came here preaching old-
time Church of God holiness, and we,
the church as a whole, thank God for
them and their untiring labor. Brother
and Sister Wineberger set the
church in order September 6, 1947,
with twenty-six members. The church
cost around \$10,000 and our indebted-

ness at present is \$2,600. We now have
fifty-six members and our church is
fifteen months old. Our Sunday
School is growing as we know you will
see on the picture. Our average for
December 7 was 112. Our Y. P. E. has
doubled and is still growing. Pray for
us here at Dallas.—Joe Smith.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

GUNTER

On November 8, 1948, the Lord
called Brother W. A. Gunter, age
seventy-six, home to be with Him. He
was a minister in the Church of God
for many years, and was ready and
waiting to go. He loved the Lord to
the end.—His daughter, Mrs. Nellie
Phillips, Battle Creek, Michigan.

DUTY

Mrs. Nancy Hoffman Duty died
November 17. She had been a
semi-invalid for several years. She
was a faithful member of the
Church of God at Memphis.
Her funeral was conducted by
her pastor, Rev. C. E. Richard.—
Mrs. Bessie Dobson.

REAVES

The death angel visited the home of
Brother Ed Reaves December 25 and
called his beloved wife, Sister Rosa
Reaves, home to be with her Saviour
whom she loved and served. The fu-
neral was conducted by Rev. John C.
Harris, pastor of the Church of God
at Roxboro, N. C. She was the oldest
member of the church and will be
greatly missed. Her life was an inspi-
ration to all who knew her. The mem-
ory of her will always be pleasant.—
Mrs. Julian Brooks, Clerk, Roxboro,
N. C.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to heal my five-month-old baby; my
oldest daughter.—Mrs. Polly Jones, Logan, W.
Va.

My children to be healed.—Lessie Vairs, Bar-
ren Springs, Va.

My grandmother to be healed; my uncle
who was seriously burned.—Mrs. Jess Hensley,
Logan, W. Va.

My son-in-law to be healed of ulcers.—Nellie
Smith, Homerville, Ga.

My father and mother to be saved; my
mother to be healed of sugar diabetes; other
unsaved loved ones; my eyes.—Mrs. Ruby Case,
Risco, Mo.

God to come to my rescue.—A Reader.

God to completely heal my body.—Mrs. Mar-
gie Collins, Stillmore, Ga.

Me to be saved and healed of T.B.; my hus-
band and children to be saved.—Mrs. M.M.
Pack, Catawba, Va.

God to heal me of heart trouble; my children
to be healed.—Elmer E. Booth.

My head and throat.—Ethel Mann, Slaton,
Texas.

My daughter who has lost her mind.—Mrs.
Anell Carter, Jacksonville, Fla.

My husband to be healed of a hurting around
his heart; Sister Lily Broughton's healing.—
Mrs. Johnnie Adams, Crab Orchard, Ky.

My little girl who has a growth on her
throat.—Fred Lowe, Fonde, Ky.



EDITORIALS

I AM CHURCHY!

In fact, I don't think a person, be he layman or minister, is amounting to very much in and for his church if he isn't churchy.

Whoever saw a good salesman that wasn't sold on the company and product that he was selling? No one. When and where did you see a good husband and father who wasn't more in love with his own family and home than all the other thousands about him? You haven't! How in the world could a person be a full-fledged, honorable, loyal citizen of the United States of America without loving and serving it more and better than any other nation on earth? He couldn't be!

I'm a churchy Church of God preacher:

1. Because I left one and turned my back on all others for it.
2. Because I love it more than the other 255 denominations in the United States.
3. Because its teachings are nearer to my liking than that of all other churches.
4. Because the Church of God Government comes nearer being my ideal than that found in any other church.
5. Because I appreciate its doctrines above that of any other denomination.
6. Because of the love and fellowship I have for and with the ministers and members.

I am so churchy that really, as long as I am active, I want to serve the Church; and when inactive I want to sit beneath its sacred shadow as life's evening sun sets for me, and go to glory from the church that I have loved, lived, and worked for, and died in. Yes, I'm a churchy Church of God church member and minister.

JUST A LITTLE FLAW

Of twenty-millioneth of an inch in the two-hundred-inch Palomar telescope, but that will keep it under wraps until next fall. Dr. Bowen states that a minimum of six months will be required to fix it. Then they expect to get out to the billion light years for which it was designed. This reminds me of the following lecture by Jesus on ophthalmology, Matt. 7:3-5, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote of thy brother's eye."

The reason some people in and out of the Church are so nearsighted, cross-eyed, and see only a blurred vision is because they have strained their eyes looking for the little faults and flaws in their fellow man's life so as to forget that their own faults are major as well as in the majority. After all, they who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

WHAT NEXT?

When Gandhi's ashes were immersed in the Kelani River near the Colombo, it is reported that Methodists joined with Buddhists and Hindus in singing hymns of India for a departed heathen.—United Evangelical Action.

UNCHURCHED AMERICA

It is estimated that more than 80 per cent of Southerners "never darken the door of anybody's church." This percentage is no doubt much higher in Northern states. What a deplorable commentary on a "Christian" America.

—Editorial Evangel.

RICH THOUGHTS FOR THE POOR

1. Are couched in the subject and knowledge of redemption. Note what Paul here says: "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace," Eph. 1:6, 7.

2. Then John 3:36 gives us glorious inspiration that we, without a penny, can come into possession of that which billions cannot buy—eternal life.

3. Turning to 1 Cor. 6:19, we find that our bodies actually belong to God and that we are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Read it: "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

4. Nothing could possibly replace money more completely than the 32,000 promises of God to His children. One rich, strengthening and beautiful promise is, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him," James 1:12.

5. One of the most consoling things that a person can possess is a hope. The sinner does not have it—the Christian does. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec," Heb. 6:19, 20.

6. Another rich thought is that while the efforts in all the peace conferences are failing, we can have the peace of God in our hearts. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:7.

7. Joy, temporary and fleeting. Joy is purchased by the rich at the price of millions, billions, and trillions; but thanks be unto God who gave His Son who gave himself that we might have fulness of joy. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, that your joy might be full," John 15:11.

8. And one of the richest thoughts for us poor people is that though we have no home to call our own in this world, there is one awaiting us. "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city," Heb. 11:16. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:1-3.

9. Then at last, thank God, the meek shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth," Matt. 5:5.

National Sunday School Drive to INCREASE ATTENDANCE

Valuable Prizes to Be Awarded -

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY! Enter the nation-wide campaign of the Church of God to increase your Sunday School attendance—at the same time gain the opportunity of winning one of the 30 prizes totaling more than \$300.

\$300 in Prizes

Read the list of valuable prizes named below. Your Sunday School is eligible and stands a good chance to win. This is how interesting it will be to compete with Sunday Schools across the Nation in this moving enterprise. YOU COMPETE WITH SCHOOLS OVER THE NATION THE SAME SIZE AS YOURS. Read the contest rules on opposite page—the rules are so simple that any child can understand them.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ATTENDANCE

GROUP A
Schools with attendance of 300 or over.

GROUP B
Schools with attendance of 100 to 299.

GROUP C
Schools with attendance of 99 or less.

WINNERS IN EACH OF THE THREE GROUPS MAY CHOOSE FROM THE VALUABLE EQUIPMENT LISTED HEREWITH

FIRST PRIZE—Your choice of: PROJECTOR AND SLIDES, 35MM VIEWLEX DELUXE PROJECTOR WITH \$25 WORTH OF CHURCH-CRAFT COLOR FILM STRIPS AND SLIDES—\$60 LIBRARY OF BOOKS, COMPLETE SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY—SPEED-O-PRINT DUPLICATOR, MAKES 4,000 COPIES AN HOUR.

SECOND PRIZE—Your choice of: THE EXPOSITORS' BIBLE, 6 VOLUMES WITH INDEX—SALLMAN'S HEAD OF CHRIST, SIZE 20½x24½—CLARKE'S COMMENTARY, 6 VOLUMES.

THIRD PRIZE—Your choice of: WORD PICTURE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, 6 VOLUMES—CRUDEN'S CONCORDANCE, NEW AND OLD TESTAMENT—ONE FLANNELBOARD WITH EASEL, OUTDOOR BACKGROUND AND OLD TESTAMENT FLANNELBOARD STORIES.

FOURTH PRIZE—Your choice of: SET OF COKEBURY MAPS COMPLETE WITH FOLDING METAL TRIPOD AND TUBE CASE—10 HURLBUT'S TEACHER-TRAINING LESSONS—A CHURCH COLLECTION PLATE.

FIFTH PRIZE—Your choice of: 2 CHILDREN'S A B C BOOKS, QUIZ BOOKS, CHILDREN'S SINGSPRATION BOOK, OBJECT LESSONS FOR CHILDREN—HURLBUT'S STORY OF THE BIBLE—THE PHYSICIAN OF GALILEE (JUVENILE FICTION BOOK).

No Sunday School Too Large None Too Small

Clip and mail to National Youth Director, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee

ENTRY BLANK — MAIL IT NOW

(To National Youth Director, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee)

Fill in your exact Sunday School attendance on the Sundays listed below:

March 21, 1948 _____ April 4, 1948 _____
March 28, 1948 _____ April 11, 1948 _____
April 18, 1948 _____

Sunday School at _____

Address _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____

Signature of pastor or superintendent _____

YOUR SCORE — MAIL BEFORE APRIL 30

(To National Youth Director, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee)

Fill in exact attendance for each of the Sundays listed below:

March 20, 1949 _____ April 3, 1949 _____
March 27, 1949 _____ April 10, 1949 _____
April 17, 1949 _____

Name of Sunday School _____

Street or R.F.D. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Signature of pastor or superintendent _____

Attach this score blank to the written statement describing your efforts to increase attendance as explained in the rules. Entry must be postmarked not later than midnight April 30, 1949.

Your Sunday School Can Win

Equal Opportunity for All -

Small - Medium - Large

**Don't Miss This Great Chance to Secure Valuable Equipment
For Your Sunday School**

**DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER -- FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY
BLANK AND MAIL TODAY!**

RULES FOR NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

1. The drive covers five Sundays—March 20 and 27, and April 3, 10, and 17, 1949.
2. Sunday Schools will be classified in three groups, according to their average attendance on March 21 and 28, April 4, 11 and 18, 1948. Group 1 will include schools with an average attendance of 300 or more for the five Sundays designated in 1948. Group 2 will include schools whose average attendance is from 100 to 299 for the same Sundays in 1948. Group 3 will include schools whose attendance was 99 or less for the same Sundays in 1948.
3. Ten prizes will be awarded in each of the three groups—Groups 1, 2, 3—thirty prizes in all.
4. Those entering the Sunday-School-attendance drive will be judged on the following basis:
 - Fifty per cent of total points will be based on the percentage of increase in attendance for the five Sundays in 1949—March 20 and 27, and April 3, 10 and 17—over the five Sundays in 1948—March 21 and 28, and April 4, 11, and 18.
 - The other 50 per cent of the total points in the contest will be based on effort and organization exhibited before and during the contest. This may be given in a written statement of not more than 500 words, and must be signed by the pastor or superintendent. The statement should enumerate, in the following manner, how your Sunday School organized for this special campaign (literary excellence will not be considered in judging the score):
 - (1) *Efforts made toward soul winning and the success.*
 - (2) *Number of teachers' meetings held to organize and carry out the campaign.*
 - (3) *The total number of visits made by teachers and scholars to new prospects and to absentees.*
 - (4) *What advertising was done by way of posters and announcements (send samples of posters, etc., used).*
 - (5) *Outstanding difficulties encountered and overcome should be explained.*
5. The contest closes April 17, 1949. All reports of the contest must be postmarked before midnight of April 30.
6. The decision of the judges will be final, and in case of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN WIN

ST—Read these simple rules until you understand them thoroughly. SECOND—Mail your entry blank today. THIRD—Begin organizing and boosting your Sunday School attendance today.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE
WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue

Cleveland, Tennessee

Second and Concluding Installment of the Radio Script as Presented over WBAC on January 6, 1949.

The Church of God endeavors to give the children entrusted to their care every physical, religious, and educational advantage. The health record of the Home has been wonderful. We endeavor to give the children the type of food which will build strong healthy bodies. Our farms furnish fresh vegetables during the growing season. We also can a considerable amount of garden produce. In our cold storage plant we process various vegetables and fruits for winter food. Our meat supply is furnished by the cattle that we keep on the Benton Pike Farm and the hogs that we raise. We raise a large number of chickens each year, also, for our tables. This year we raised enough turkeys for our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day dinners. Our dairy at the South Lee Highway Farm furnishes fresh wholesome milk for the children to drink.

Everything possible is being done for their religious development. Daily devotional services are conducted at each home. At some of these services, the children take a very active part, leading the songs, rendering special musical numbers, singing solos, duets, trios and quartets. Some of the children have learned and have been able to quote from memory the Sunday School lesson titles and the golden texts for an entire quarter. Just recently one of our boys helped win a Bible quizz in Chattanooga. For six consecutive Sundays the team he was on defeated every team that opposed them, and they received the silver cup as an award. The children attend the North Cleveland Church of God, along with visits to many other churches.

Every educational possibility is theirs, if they will avail themselves. Our girls attend Mayfield and Arnold schools in Cleveland. The boys at the

Lee Highway Farm attend Johnson School and the boys at Benton Pike Farm go to Chilcutt School. This year we have fourteen children attending the High School Department of Lee College. Many of our children have been honor students in their respective classes. A music teacher is employed and quite a few of our children are outstanding singers and musicians. They also take an active part in the various athletic activities.



Numbers have played and are playing on the athletic teams of the school they attend. Educating our children for their place in society does not stop with their attending school. Through personal contact our staff of workers is continually training and instructing them in the rudiments of life.

Each Saturday morning, from 9:15 to 9:45, a number of children from Cleveland and the children from our homes broadcast a weekly feature of W.B.A.C. which has brought favorable comments from many. Mrs. Cook, the wife of the Reverend R. C. Cook, is in charge of the program. We believe every listener is interested in caring for underprivileged children and we would encourage you to listen to this program and visit our various homes to get better acquainted with the great work the Church of God is doing for underprivileged children.

Echoes from Lee College . . .



There are hundreds of young people in the United States who are now taking or who plan to take courses in business training. Scores of these young people are Christians. As they attempt to decide where they will take their business course, two questions are uppermost in their minds. First, where can I go to school and be in a good environment? Second, where can I go to school and get good training in the field of business?

Lee College is the answer to both

of these questions. In these days when temptations are great on every side, it means much to be able to attend school where the teachers are Christians, where the majority of the students are Christians, and where prayer and clean living are encouraged rather than laughed at. It is especially important for the young person, who is still in the process of formulating his philosophy and ideals of life, to have such an environment in which to study. At Lee College

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you find this environment. All
the teachers are Christians and have
prayer before every class. Students
are in some type of religious service
almost daily, and are constantly en-
couraged to live for God and do right.
These conditions are quite a contrast
to what you will find in the average
American high school or college.

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In addition to offering a good en-
vironment, Lee College offers excel-
lent commercial training. The fact
that so many Lee College commerce
students are now holding good posi-
tions and doing well is proof of this
statement. One outstanding student
who spent two years in the Commer-
cial Department of Bible Training
School (now Lee College) took the
civil service examination in Camden,
Texas, and made the highest average
among three hundred competitors.
She was given a position and she held
it with such success that her em-
ployer did not believe her when she
told him she had had no previous ex-
perience in office work. He thought
she was too good and too accurate to
be a novice in the business world, and
that she had evidently been fired
from some previous position. To clear
her good name, the student, who was
Miss Mariam Smith, wrote her
former teacher, Mrs. Herchel Green,
giving her employer's address and
asking her to explain to him that she
had nothing to cover up, and that she
had finished her commercial course
three weeks before accepting the job.
Mrs. Juanita (Baldree) Donovan, who
finished her commercial training at
Lee College last year, is now working
for the Executive Committee of
Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian
Church in Nashville, Tennessee. One
of the other secretaries in her de-
partment said of her, "You surely
must have had a good typing teacher
to be able to type as fast and as neat-
ly as you do." Her employers speak
very highly of the work she is doing.
These students are only two of the
many students who have received
their commercial training at Lee
College, and are now holding good
positions and doing excellent work.
As it is possible to receive good
training in a Christian environment.
What courses are offered in the
Commercial Department? In the
high-school division of the College,
typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping
are offered. Next year the College De-
partment will offer two years of typ-
ing, two years of shorthand, secretari-
practice, accounting, and business

mathematics. If you are considering
taking a business course next year,
we invite you to attend Lee College,
where you can get the courses you
want in a Christian environment and
at the same time get high-school or
college credit for them.

LEE COLLEGE PRESENTS GLORIOUS MORNING

A three-act play by Norman Maco-
wan, will be sponsored by the Senior
Class at Lee College Auditorium, Satur-
day, March 12, at 8 p.m., under the di-

rection of Mrs. Leon Green.

This play is of tremendous impor-
tance and interest because of its as-
sociation with present-day world af-
fairs. It will be presented in interest
of the rights of mankind and in de-
fence of Christian liberties in a demo-
cratic world. All persons within rea-
sonable distance of Cleveland should
secure a ticket at an early date. We
extend to all our people a cordial and
hearty welcome. Admission 50c; re-
served seats 75c.—J. Stewart Brins-
field, President.

OH, PRAISE THE LORD

ORLANDO, Fla.—I thank God be-
cause I am saved, sanctified, and
filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost.
I am so glad I went the "third day's
journey" into God's love and blessings.
Last Monday night, I went to bed with
a cold and irritated throat. I had a
big roll swollen under my neck and
and could eat nothing until about
noon on Wednesday. My husband
earnestly prayed for me Monday night
and I felt the unseen hand of God
touch but not heal. I had chills all
that night and was very sick Tuesday.
Wednesday morning, the Lord spoke
to me and said if I did not get up and
claim the victory I was going to die. I
got right out of bed and began to pray.
In just a little while some of the sis-
ters of the church came in and prayed
for me. Instantly, God completely
healed me. Since then, I have been
able to eat anything. Praise God! I
truly thank God for a home of prayer.
For a long time I have been praying
for lost loved ones. God promised me
one morning through the Holy Ghost
He would save them all if I could be-
lieve. I am so glad we are serving the
true and living God who is able to do
all things.

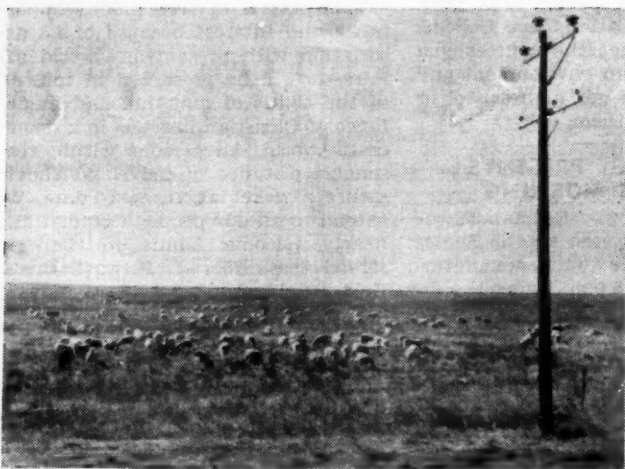
I also thank God for our good pas-
tor, Rev. A. V. Howell, and his family.
They have been a real blessing to us.
He is a true shepherd of the flock.—
Mrs. N. M. Brant.

FORT MYERS, Fla.—I praise God
for His healing power. For a number
of years I have suffered with a gastric,
ulcerated stomach. I had a severe at-
tack about the middle of September.
Our good pastor, Brother D. L. Frank-
lin, and others, came and prayed for
me, anointing with oil. Praise the
Lord! I haven't had any stomach trou-

ble since. I also thank the heavenly
Father for the love, unity, and fellow-
ship we feel in our church. God is
really blessing us in Fort Myers. Sin-
ners are coming to God, backsliders
are coming back home, and the
church is revived. Bless His name!—
L. C. Blanco.

CROSBY, Minn.—I praise and thank
God for what He has done for me. My
mother was healed when an anointed
cloth was placed upon her. Now she is
getting along fine. I was prayed for,
also, by an evangelist during a revival,
and oh, I cannot thank and praise God
enough for His healing power. My
desire now is to continue living and
serving him the remainder of my
life.—Miss Ann L. Stanfield.

KELSO, Wash.—I praise the Lord
for wonderfully healing me of arth-
ritis. I was afflicted in April of 1947
and for about four months I suffered
untold agony. I could not straighten
my knees or lift my feet off the floor
for days at a time. My hands and feet
were swollen and my fingers were
stiff. I knew God had never failed
me before, and I was determined to
trust Him. Many times when I was
anointed and prayed for the power of
God would come upon me and I would
dance, shout, and rejoice in the pre-
sence of the Lord; but when the power
of God was gone the stiffness and
swelling were just as bad as before. As
Job of old, I said, "Though you slay
me, Lord, yet will I serve you." Today
I am as well and strong as I was be-
fore. He has done so many wonderful
things for me I can never praise Him
enough. God is blessing the Church of
God in the Northwest but we still need
your prayers.—Bessie Bellah.



"Where Is the Shepherd?"

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak," Matt. 10: 16-19.

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:4,5.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49.

In our lesson we find Christ saying to His disciples, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves," and Luke recorded, in the Acts of the Apostles, the command of Christ to them, to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. Then again, we find according to St. Luke (24:49), "but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power."

As sheep among wolves, His disciples needed something extraordinary, thus He commanded them to wait

until they received this special equipment for service. In the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 6, he saith unto them, "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

We know that the Third Person in the Trinity (the Holy Ghost) is promised by our Lord, to all them that obey Him. Some will say, "Do I have to have the Holy Ghost to make the rapture?" I would like to answer you by asking, was it necessary for Christ to go back to the Father and pray Him to send another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost? If so, then, my friend, it most certainly is necessary that you receive Him.

As recorded in St. John's Gospel, the Lord had warned His disciples that He must soon leave them, and return to His Father. Now He says, "Because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart." But He didn't stop at that; He said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter."

The disciples thought they were to be left alone in an unfriendly world. They knew how the archenemy, Satan, had always rallied his forces against God's people, and now that their Advisor, Guardian, and Rabbi was leaving, they were sad in heart.

The word "comforter" is taken from a Greek word which literally means "to call alongside; one who gives strength and aid in the time of trouble." The disciples of the Lord were to be persecuted, maltreated, thrust into jail, fed to the lions, sawn

Sheep in

By C. J. S.

asunder, and burned by fire, for the gospel's sake. "When they bring you before the courts," Christ said, "think not what you shall say in that hour, for He (the Comforter, Lawyer, Attorney) will be beside you, to prompt you as to what you shall say." In other words, "He will be your Defence Attorney."

"Some ministers today have taken this scripture and applied it to themselves, saying, 'Just walk into the pulpit, don't think what you are going to say, just open your mouth, and God will fill it.'" Of course, any Bible student knows better than that. If that were true, then Christ would never have spoken these words, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

Paul admonished the young evangelist Timothy to study to show himself approved. When Satan came to tempt our Lord, after He had fasted forty days in the wilderness, seeing He was an hungered, he saith unto Him, "Command this stone that thou be made bread." Then the Lord said unto him, "IT IS WRITTEN." When Satan had showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, he said, "All these things I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Christ answered him, "IT IS WRITTEN." We can make the dust fly under the devil's heels every time with the Word of God. The writer of Hebrews says, "The word of God is quick, and powerful." Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power" What is the power? The gospel is power. Christ said unto Peter, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven." To His disciples He said, "Whosoever ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever ye retain, they are retained." Christ simply meant this. "Go and preach the gospel, and he that believeth, or that accepteth it, shall be saved; but the unbeliever, or rejector, shall be

in Midst of Wolves

C. J. Hindmon, State Overseer of Oklahoma



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fire, for the word of God is the
they bring you unto life or death unto
Christ said.

Christ led His disciples out as far
as Bethany, raised His hands and
blessed them, and gravitation lost its
force. He then stepped upon a cloud
of glory and went away. There stood
by His disciples two men in white

apparel, and said, "Why stand ye gaz-
ing up into heaven? this same Jesus,
which is taken up from you into
heaven shall so come in like
manner." Ten days after this
there were about one hundred
and twenty gathered together in an
upper room, some say Dr. Luke's.
The important phase of this is that
they were of one mind, and in one
life."

second, when the mighty Holy Ghost
came, and, the Bible says, "filled all
the house where they were sitting."
In other words, they were baptized,
and they all spake with other tongues.
Many folk seek for tongues, but
there was something that was to ac-
company this mighty outpouring of
the Holy Ghost and the gift of speak-
ing with other tongues, and that was
the special endowment of power, for
said, "All the service Christ had given His disciples
you wilt find command to GO, and He was not go-
ing to send them out empty-handed.
"We were very necessary that they be
prepared, for they were as sheep in the
hand of wolves, therefore, He says,
"Blessed are ye as wise as serpents and as harmless
as doves."

I am not in the fourth chapter of Acts, Peter
and John are being tried for healing
the crippled man at the gate Beautiful.
As they are hailed before the high
priest, they are going to have the op-
portunity to try out what the Lord
said, for He had told them, "Take
thought how or what ye shall
say, for it shall be given you in that
hour." Peter and John had no
defense attorney, as we have in this
great land of America where the law
provides that where one is not
able to afford a defense lawyer the
court will furnish one. Here is where
Peter and John waxed bold in the
spirit, and the Bible says they took
knowledge of them that they had been

with Jesus. Let every man be ready to
give a reason of the hope that is with-
in him. Now after they had straitly
threatened Peter and John, they
warned them not to speak any more
in the name of Jesus, but Peter and
John answered and said unto them,
"Whether it be right in the sight of
God to hearken unto you more than
unto God, judge ye."

After they had met with their own
company, they reported all the things
that had happened unto them by the
chief priests and elders, then they
lifted up their voices and said, "And
now, Lord, behold their threatenings:
and grant unto thy servants, that with
all boldness they may speak thy word."
And when they had prayed, the place
was shaken where they were assem-
bled together; and they were all filled
with the Holy Ghost, and they spake
the word of God with boldness."

After the disciples were beaten, in
the fifth chapter of the Acts, they
departed from the presence of the
council, rejoicing that they were
counted worthy to suffer shame for
His name. Do you think these disciples
could have undergone such ill-treat-
ment as being cast into prison, beaten
and scourged, had they not gone back
to Jerusalem, as our Lord commanded,
and tarried there until the mighty
Holy Ghost came, accompanied with
power for service?

Some folks seem to think that all
there is to this Pentecostal religion is
to receive the Holy Ghost, speak in
other tongues, then just shout the
rest of the way to glory. I think shout-
ing is wonderful. I can think of noth-
ing that does me more good than an
old time, Pentecostal, Holy Ghost
meeting; but I have found that there
is more to religion than shouting. God
hath called every one to a life of serv-
ice. Christ has said unto us, "Give, and
it shall be given unto you; good mea-
sure, pressed down and running over."
"Blest is the cheerful giver." Then
again, "It is more blessed to give than
to receive." Oh how true this is! But
most of us like to be on the receiving
end. The Pharisees said, "We be Abra-
ham's seed." Christ came back at them

and said, "If ye were Abraham's chil-
dren, ye would do the works of Abra-
ham." What did Abraham do? He had
faith plus works. He met the king of
Salem, Melchisedec, and gave a tenth
part of all the bounty that he had
taken as he returned from the
slaughter of the kings. Now let me tell
you what real salvation will do: it will
cause you to walk right, talk right,
sing right, live right, pray right,
and give right. Oh yes, I was
about to forget, that means that
you will pay a tenth to the support of
the gospel; and when you do these
things, your testimony won't sound
like a cracked bell.

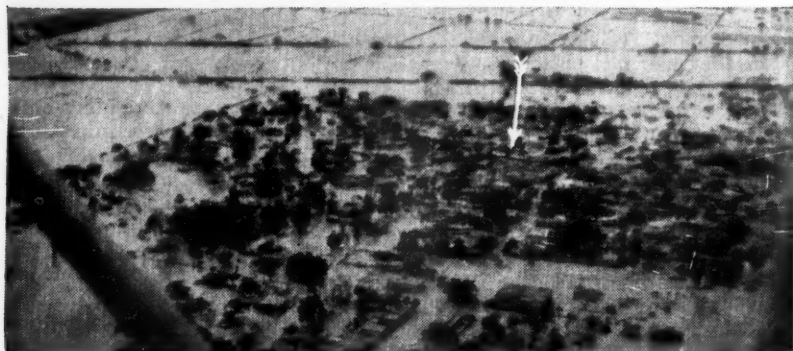
There were two men that went into
the Temple to pray, the one a Phari-
see, and the other a tax-collector. The
Pharisee told God just how good he
was, and the publican (tax-collector)
smote upon his breast and said; "God,
be merciful unto me a sinner." While
the Pharisee was boasting and telling
the Lord that he fasted, paid tithes,
etc., the poor publican would not even
so much as raise his eyes toward heav-
en; he felt so unworthy. Abraham's
faith and works went hand in hand.
These Pharisees were boasting of their
religion, of their giving, and said, "We
be Abraham's seed," but Christ said,
"Except your righteousness (this
means you and me) shall exceed the
righteousness of the scribes and
Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter in-
to the kingdom of heaven."

When Saul of Tarsus met Christ on
the way to Damascus, and after his
conversion, he was told to go on into
the city, and it would be told him what
to do. God spoke unto his prophet

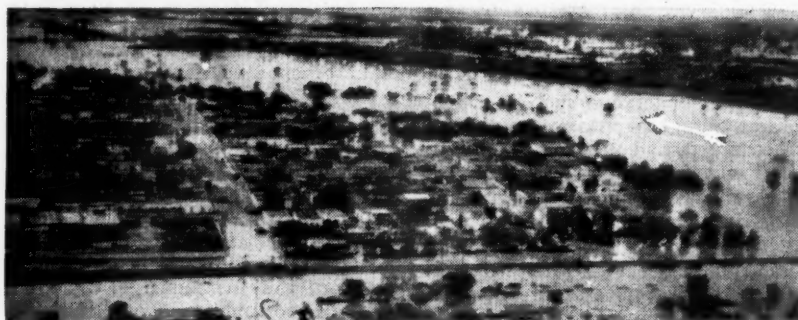
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Foreign MISSIONS

NORTHERN MEXICO FLOOD

Here are views of the greatest flood in the history of northern Mexico. We have churches at each of these four places, and many of our members lost their homes. We have not heard from some of the people, and, doubtless, numbers were lost in the swirling waters. One of the brethren, when he saw the waters, started out in his truck, with his family. He went as far as he could, then they climbed on top of the truck and stayed there until the waters abated.

We have sent a number of boxes of clothing already, and, perhaps, many of you will wish to send clothing for them. The Government rushed clothing and food by plane, which they dropped to those marooned. Several cities—Las Plajitas, Chucarit, San Pedro, Navojia, Etchojoa, and Huatabanjo—were entirely cut off for many days, and the last we heard, some cities were in the grip of an epidemic. In four of these cities we have adobe churches, and we fear that each of these buildings have been washed away. At least, we know two of them have vanished in the waters. Two were brick, however.

Please pray for these sufferers and do what you can.

You may send clothing to F. A. Gonzalez, Avenue Morelos No. 97, Esperanza, Sonora, Mexico.

Thanks so very much for your cooperation in this call.

Brother Hargrave Writes Concerning Flood

According to the news I am able to get, the flood completely wiped out several villages where we had small works. Brother Vincente Gaxiola, of San Blas, says that five trains and all of their passengers are locked in San Blas, since the large railroad bridge has washed out on the north and two smaller bridges on the south. Hundreds of these passengers have pneumonia and, of course, they cannot leave until the trains can get out of the city. This is likely to be several months for those going south, and it could be a year or two for those going north, as the large bridge on the north was a mile and a half long, over a

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To God a Jailbird Is a Soul Worth Dying For

By VANITA KRONQUEST

FLOOD "Just a jailbird to the world, but to God, a soul worth dying for!" These arresting words stood out boldly from the pages of *The King's Business* magazine some years ago. Below an impressive picture told the story. There, outfitted in a wide-striped prison suit, stood what was left of a man. Sadly enough, too much of the Christian world sees in this man nothing more than a jailbird; a jailbird with scarcely a soul; a jailbird who has sinned against society and must pay the full penalty of the law. As a Christian friend, you stand a very good chance of having just such an attitude!

After a careful self-analysis, I discovered much to my surprise that I viewed a prisoner as little more than an indebted to society, until the day when God opened the opportunity for my husband and me to minister to these starved, needy souls.

Is it not too true that so many Christians live a narrowed-down life, interested only in that which crosses their pathway? and so seldom reaching out into the depths of God's opportunities and possibilities? Such like the man who prayed, "God send us four . . . and no more."

One memorable day in a New Mexico pastorate, my husband and I found ourselves involved in carrying the blessed gospel message of saving grace to the inmates of the state penitentiary. It was then that God showed me an attitude which was hidden away within my heart.

The first Sunday's services, the memory of which still lingers as years passed by, did something for me. The huge iron prison gate swung behind us, and as we waited in the massive auditorium, men in stripes began filing in row by row. Side by side the guard motioned with his right finger, designating where each group of men, with arms folded, should stand.

When the last man was seated in the long gray benches, the Negro section was at our left, the center and right sections were peppered with the black and Anglos. There were a few Indians.

My husband asked for favorite hymn requests. The men roared back

with such a barrage of numbers that they were undecipherable. Enthusiasm was running high, although most every facial expression told a tale of awful woe and spiritual want.

I sat at the piano thumbing through the song book, and queried, "Jailbirds, selecting these hymns?" "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"; "Lord, I'm Coming Home"; "Oh, for a Closer Walk with Thee." Time allowed for the singing of six out of the sixteen songs requested.

Momentarily my soul was losing its



tenseness and the eyes of my understanding were being broadened. Yes, to the world they were just jailbirds, but to God, souls worth dying for! Again and again the lesson of that cartoon beat against my brain. Again and again the words flashed across my mind's eye: "Jailbirds to the world, but to God, souls worth dying for." Yes, all owed a debt to society, but Jesus Christ had paid their debt to God, and some had accepted His payment for their needy souls.

These men, twisted and marred within, were God's creation and He was "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

As I scanned their faces, I pondered—do many present-day church attenders appreciate a gospel service as these seem to? How many sing as lustily? Have not many allowed the message to become commonplace and something to be endured week after week? Their thoughts are on how the preacher is dressed; if his gestures are timed properly; whether the roast will be done by the time church is dismissed, and a mass of other "things." But the minds of these men were far removed from such thoughts. There seemed to be much which might be learned from these jailbirds today. Of course, there was much for them to unlearn, too.

Soon the words of the sermon about being free from bondage, even though behind stone walls, were dying out and prisoners began filing back to their cells.

One young fellow stepped out of the long line to explain, "Preacher, I want you to know I was raised in a Christian home. I'm not here because my parents failed me. Every day I determine to live a good life and, before many hours have passed, I have lost my temper and am swearing all over the place. What is wrong with me anyway?" His voice was tremulous.

"John, the flesh and self-effort will fail every time. You cannot put sin down in your life," my husband assured him. "The Lord Jesus Christ did that for you, and you must have faith in Him. If you take Him as your Sin-bearer and Saviour, He will care for the sin question. Christ said, 'Without Me ye can do nothing.'" The conversation continued, and it was not long until another jailbird, another soul for whom Christ had died, had caused rejoicing in heaven. There on the cement floor, as the guard stood watchfully by, John poured out his heart before God and the Lord Jesus Christ came in.

Another Sunday morning, it was a middle-aged man who stepped out of line to relate how he had known the Lord, and had headed up the ushers in his California church before Satan had ensnared him.

The unforgettable, smiling-faced trustee, who was an accomplice in a murder, revealed an unusual story one

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John 21:17 -

"Feed My Sheep"

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No greater honor can be bestowed upon mortal man than that of a divine call to the ministry. Neither is there any responsibility so great as that of feeding the Church of God, which Christ has purchased with His own blood.

Let us notice the manner in which Jesus addresses the one to whom He is speaking. He does not call him Cephas or Peter, which indicates strength and stability, but Simon his original name. And so it is with every God-called minister today who becomes selfish in his own life and betrays his trust—he, also, loses favor with God. When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, He will reward those who have been faithful; but those, according to Ezekiel 34, who feed and clothe themselves with the wool and feed not the flock, God will judge.

The health of the sheep and the growth of the lambs depend on the

measure of the consecration of the shepherd's life to God. Jesus said in Mark 9:50, "Have salt in yourselves." Salt in the life of the minister will create a thirst in the life of others for the living water. Paul said, in Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt." Luke 4:22, They "wondered at the gracious words that proceeded out of his (Christ's) mouth." "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John . . . they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus," Acts 4:13. If the minister will steal away and be alone with Jesus through the week, there will be some gracious words pour from his lips on Sunday morning which will reach the hearts of his people; but, if he spends his time thinking on the carnal things of the world, lending his ears to the devil for a trash can, listening to all the nonsense that comes over the air, and finding more pleasure in reading "True Stories" and such like than reading the Word of God, scanning over the Bible Sunday morning a few minutes only to stand before the church with a basket full of empty words which will not reach the hearts that are panting for God, he will identify himself with those in Phil. 3:19, whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, whose glory is their shame, and who mind earthly things.

Let us notice what Isa. 56:10 states: "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." Who would want a dog minding his sheep that could not bark when the beast of prey began to approach?

John 10:4,5, "And when he (the shepherd), putteth forth his own

sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

Not in every case when the sheep begin to bleat and leave the fold an overseer and a conference needed but a rededication of the life of the shepherd to God. Paul said, in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." He also said in Eph. 5:18, ". . . be filled with the Spirit." The word kills but the Spirit makes alive.

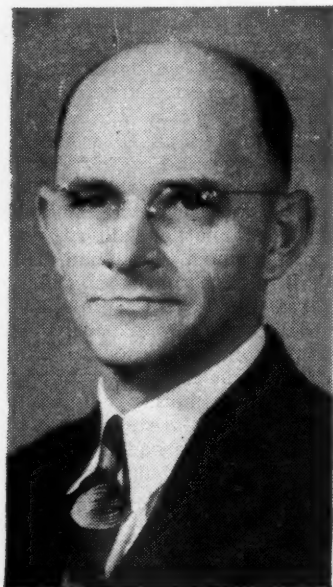
I believe in education, and we need all we can get, yet one may be versed in all book knowledge and have a vocabulary with sideboards, speaking English as fluently as a nightingale can sing, and at the same time be twice dead, plucked up by the roots spiritually, and as dry as a Texas wind. Fire in the pulpit will create zeal among the members. In Lev. 9:24 God sent fire upon the altar to consume the sacrifice. In Lev. 6:13, He said, "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." The chief duty of the high priest was to keep the holy fire burning on the altar day and night. God honored the sweet smelling odor of the burning incense that ascended from a holy fire. He bitterly frowned upon strange incense, offered up from wild fire. In Lev. 10:1, Nadab and Abihu ventured to do so and was consumed by the fire of God.

I have heard some say they would rather have a little wild fire than no fire at all. Take heed that you are not also consumed!

Oh, that every Church of God minister would pray until the fire of God fell, and then pray for it to continue falling! We would be able to cut thousands of lost souls from the cold dark mountains of sin and despair. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Prayer with fasting is the golden key that unlocks the door to heaven and brings us into contact with the great motivating power that causes the earth to spin. Many people today will not deny themselves the comforts of life in order to obtain this great power and favor with God. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him DENY himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me," Luke 9:23. Ezek. 34:2, "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves."

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C. B. Donahue

REVIVALS

ple in Jellico we have ever worked with—people who stand by their pastor and work with him. We are on the upward march in Jellico. Pray for us.—R. L. Sifford, Reporter.

GLASGOW, Ky.—We have just closed a great three weeks' revival conducted by the Reverend G. R. Morris, of Tullahoma, Tenn. The power of God was in every service. The gospel was preached in the old time way. Several nights the Holy Ghost took charge. The altar was full from night to night, with people crying out to be saved. There were twenty-four saved, eleven sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our Sunday School. The attendance has grown to seventy-eight, and our Y. P. E. is growing. Pray for us.—D. H. Thomas, Clerk.

CHATTAROY, W. Va.—We wish to report a successful revival conducted by our good pastor, Buck Glisspie, and Sister Sena Stumbo as the evangelist. The Holy Ghost was ever present. There were forty-one saved, sixteen sanctified, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine baptized in water, and twenty-three added to the church. This four weeks' revival has been a great blessing to the church. The church was closed January 30 by our observing the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Fifty-eight took part in this communion and the Lord blessed in a great way.—E. B. Varney, Reporter.

JELICO, Tenn.—People say we are in one of the most wonderful revivals they have ever had here. So far, there have been eighteen saved, fifteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water, eleven added to the church, and many healed by the mighty power of God. The Reverend Ted Moore, of Knoxville, whose address is Addison Avenue, Fountain City, Zone 1, is our evangelist. He has done some wonderful preaching and is loved by all who hear him. Anyone who could secure him for a revival will be doing well. We have found some of the best people



MARTINSVILLE, Va.—Despise not the day of small things, Zech. 4:10. The days of miracles are not gone. The Lord has gloriously blessed the Church of God at Martinsville, Va., with a wonderful pastor and family. We had a great revival held by our new pastor, Rev. J. G. Houck. God blessed and many souls were added to the church. At the close of our revival, we had a home-coming and paid off the last note, amounting to \$1,200, of the indebtedness of our church. We purchased a bus for the church. The Lord has blessed us so much that we want to praise Him by telling others about it. Our Sunday School has increased and the above picture shows our average attendance. May the Lord continue to bless. Pray for us.—Mrs. E. W. Taylor, Reporter.

VITAL CHURCH STATISTICS By H. L. Chesser, General Overseer

In this statistical report we are giving the 1946 per capita income for every man, woman, boy, and girl in the United States. We do not have the figures on the 1948 income, which would be higher.



We are showing the total tithes and mission per capita for the Church of God for 1948. The missions includes state and district convention offerings, 5 per cent, special offerings, and individual contributions.

The orphanage money per capita shows only money received by General Secretary's office July 31, 1947, to July 31, 1948.

The local church property value per capita is shown according to annual statistical report from the churches. The gain per capita in local property value in 1948 over 1947 is shown, also.

H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

The mission per capita is approximately 71 per cent of the totals for foreign work and 29 per cent for home work.

STATE	Income P.C.*	Tithe P.C.*	Mission P.C.*	Orph. P.C.*	L.C.P.** P.C.*	Gain L.C.P.** P.C.*
Alabama	\$ 733.00	\$32.60	\$ 4.02	\$ 2.05	\$163.62	\$ 50.99
Arizona	995.00	41.30	5.42	1.19	204.00	73.17
Arkansas	697.00	22.60	2.86	1.12	122.91	.86
California	1,531.00	53.20	5.94	3.51	320.58	56.63
Colorado	1,196.00	34.50	3.75	1.81	220.93	5.81
Connecticut	1,465.00	47.80	7.09	2.04	347.82	130.43
Delaware	1,493.00	47.60	7.58	.57	159.09	67.05
Dist. of C.	1,569.00	60.70	11.39	.86	368.42	157.89
Florida	1,010.00	41.90	4.48	1.79	158.52	20.71
Georgia	809.00	31.00	2.58	.73	137.58	
Idaho	1,243.00	37.40	5.86	1.25	238.23	
Illinois	1,486.00	42.50	5.20	1.59	197.28	
Indiana	1,158.00	38.30	3.56	1.43	121.71	
Iowa	1,183.00	36.70	7.62	6.35	154.25	
Kansas	1,062.00	42.00	5.86	3.12	185.87	
Kentucky	778.00	29.50	4.32	.90	112.59	
Louisiana	784.00	26.60	4.96	1.66	121.15	
Maine	1,044.00	34.80	5.25	1.92	174.67	
Maryland	1,293.00	51.00	7.76	2.39	215.65	
Massachusetts	1,356.00	37.50	5.24	.78	45.45	
Michigan	1,215.00	51.70	11.34	3.19	225.45	
Minnesota	1,090.00	28.40	3.75	1.28	194.94	
Mississippi	555.00	18.20	2.37	1.44	102.63	
Missouri	1,143.00	36.00	4.17	1.93	146.22	
Montana	1,394.00	71.60	13.90	2.02	172.70	
Nebraska	1,164.00	23.80	3.20	.95	212.76	
New Jersey	1,494.00	53.30	7.03	1.54	247.67	
New Mexico	911.00	34.40	6.95	1.56	178.17	
New York	1,633.00	64.70	5.42	.31	583.33	
North Carolina	817.00	45.20	4.96	1.33	192.98	
North Dakota	1,162.00	54.90	18.48	1.43	173.79	
Ohio	1,302.00	40.00	4.16	3.29	188.26	
Oklahoma	825.00	27.30	3.69	1.62	144.03	
Oregon	1,188.00	31.30	2.76	.85	140.77	
Pennsylvania	1,238.00	48.20	8.53	1.36	207.04	
South Carolina	729.00	46.80	4.82	1.60	206.36	
South Dakota	1,228.00	61.70	13.10	2.33	184.84	
Tennessee	843.00	33.00	3.87	1.35	157.92	
Texas	954.00	35.40	3.39	1.49	156.54	
Virginia	952.00	38.00	5.06	1.88	163.11	
Washington	1,346.00	57.00	3.99	1.56	430.73	
West Virginia	914.00	45.20	5.37	1.87	138.36	
Wisconsin	1,198.00	31.70	3.89	.74	72.78	
Wyoming	1,264.00	34.40	1.68	1.54	375.00	
Canada		38.00	8.30	.24	116.14	
AVERAGE	\$1,200.00	\$40.80	\$ 4.58	\$ 1.68	\$166.89	

* Per Capita

** Local Church Property Value. — Decrease

TO GOD A JAILBIRD IS A SOUL (Continued from page 11)

day. When his fate dawned upon his wicked heart, he sought forgiveness desperately through his ecclesiastical superior. The accomplice was informed that his efforts were of no use, and that nothing could be done for him.

As this convict's story continued, a broad characteristic smile broke across his face. He said, "There in my cell the Holy Spirit did His work and I found Christ. I will be released soon and hope to serve as a missionary in South America." The convict's statement about the Holy Spirit's work often returned to my mind, and I marveled at his liberty in using scriptural terms.

The man in cell seven was the greatest demonstration that God's wonder-working grace knows no limi-

tations. Perhaps God had this man in mind when He declared that He is "not willing that any should perish."

On Friday, the thirteenth, that day in June, the air was thickening. Tenseness grew by the moment. The man in cell seven would soon be ushered into the executing room. Soon he would go from cell seven into the presence of the Lord. The clock would strike the midnight hour and he would pay, with his life, the awful debt which he owed society.

The expectant city at large was extremely bitter because of the horrible crime this Negro had committed. Of course, they knew nothing of God's wonder-working grace. Nor could they scale those high prison walls and witness what my husband was seeing that night, much less understand it.

In the death cell the Negro and my

husband spent much time praying and reviewing God's promises, as they had done before. There was singing too! At the zero hour this poor criminal was led to the electric chair. A deep bass voice echoing down the corridors was steady as he sang, "Well, Me, Lord Jesus." Once he faltered, then peacefully took up the strains again.

What a brave testimony to the love of a host of newspaper reporters and officers of the law who had gathered to witness this solemn thing! Just a jailbird to the world, who sang his way into eternity because he realized that God saw him as a soul worth dying for!

Christian, let us accept the challenge to pray more earnestly and compassionately for these poor jailbirds for whom Christ has died.

—Gospel Herald

WOLF IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES

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Ananias and said, "Ananias, I want to go over on Straight Street. Where you will find Saul of Tarsus. There is the message I want you to give me, tell him what great things he has done for my name's sake." But Ananias said, "Just a minute, Lord, I have heard of this man; I know about the treatment of the Christians everywhere. Only a few days ago he gave consent to the stoning of Stephen, and even held the garments of those who stoned him." The Lord said unto Ananias, "Go on over, Ananias; don't be afraid. Saul was coming here to arrest you, but behold I have arrested him instead, and now he is praying." That was all Ananias wanted to know. He went right over and laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul." Then he was here in the very beginning of his Christian experience, he needed a very special endowment of power, for he was as a sheep in the midst of wolves. The enemies of Christ sought to take his life, and his own brethren sought to lay him down over the walls of Damascus in a basket. Then he fled into Arabia, a very poor country, and lived there three years and preached the gospel to those peasants. When Paul was converted he didn't seek an easy place to preach; he didn't go up to Jerusalem to tell the apostles, "Now, I want you to give me a parsonage well furnished. After all, you must realize that I am a converted man, and my education is very good. I have been taught by the best teacher of our day. Oh yes, I will call to preach, but you know I am of my rank and file—well, I couldn't think of holding cottage meetings." No, my friend, Paul didn't ask for all these things, but he remembered what Ananias told him the Lord said: "Shew him what great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

Do you think God sent Paul out on this special endowment of power? A thousand times no. Look at Paul on the Isle of Crete, when he fastened to his hand, and he took it off into the fire and it did no harm. Hear him say of himself. "I was shipwrecked, a day and a day was I in the water. I know what it is to be cold, hungry, thirsty, naked, and in jail. I have been in perils of mine own coun-

trymen, but his grace has always been sufficient." Last of all, he takes up his pen and writes to young Timothy: "Timothy, in all of my trials and tribulations not one moment hath he left me, and I am persuaded he will keep me, for the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought and finished; I am ready. Amen."

FEED MY SHEEP

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should not the shepherds feed the flocks?" Likewise is it not the profound duty of the flock to feed and clothe the shepherd in return?

Many times the pastor may come to service with a heavy heart caused by the lack of finance due to members failing to pay God His tenth into the storehouse, which is the Church of God, Malachi 3:8-11, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." The devourer not only means the potato bug and the bean beetle, but anything that destroys your increase, such as doctor bills, hospital bills, operation fees, and such like. Tithing is a New Testament doctrine. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," Matt. 5:17,18. Christ's coming did not abolish tithing.

By close observation we find men who have ample light on tithing and do not practice it to be of very little or no asset to the church.

In conclusion let us briefly analyze Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." This word "other" refers to tithing, therefore it is not to be left undone.

Since grave responsibility rests upon the shepherd to feed the sheep, it is as much the grave responsibility of the flock to care for the shepherd.

L. W. W. B. REPORT FOR IOWA AND NEBRASKA

We are making somewhat of a slow progress in getting the Bands organized in all churches, but I'm happy to report that four Bands have been organized, for which we do praise the Lord.

Willing Workers, when you meet pray for the work in Iowa and Nebraska that we might be a blessing to those with whom we come in contact. We appreciate our Ladies' Willing Worker's Band in Iowa and Nebraska, and may God continue to bless you.

These Willing Workers are already putting on chicken suppers, apron parties, etc. Churches are Des Moines, Iowa; Perry, Iowa; Knoxville, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska.—Mrs. Carl Cox, State President.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Fuerte River. From El Mayo, which is where we have the largest work, our Brother Leon lost his home and all his possessions. He is the Brother who always brings the people from that section to the conventions in his truck. He is a recognized minister in the Church.

The water was nine feet deep in Brother Antonino Bonilla's home in Etchojoa. Some of our people spent as many as three days on top of their houses before they were rescued. Brother Juan Valenzuela has been unable to reach the place where he lived, though the water has subsided. Now, there is an epidemic raging, and, according to two letters I have received from that area, hundreds of people are in bed with pneumonia and shock.

I do not know whether it is possible for us to send clothing into Mexico, however I understand they are permitting the passage of clothing at Nogales during this particular time. Therefore, I suggest that any clothing you have for the brethren, you send it to Fernando A. Gonzalez, Ave. Morelos No. 97, Esperanza, Sonora, Mexico, who will be glad to use his best judgment in distributing it. I am writing him, informing him that you will be sending something in the near future.

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